

RENTON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

October 19, 1998  
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Municipal Building

MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

BOB EDWARDS, Council President; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; DAN CLAWSON; KING PARKER; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER; RANDY CORMAN; TONI NELSON.

**CITY STAFF IN  
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Administrator; DEREK TODD, Finance Analyst; COMMANDER DENNIS GERBER, Police Department.

**APPROVAL OF  
COUNCIL MINUTES**

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 1998, AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

October, 1998 – “National Arts & Humanities Month”

A proclamation by Mayor Tanner was read declaring the month of October, 1998 to be “National Arts and Humanities Month” in the City of Renton, and encouraging residents to participate in and celebrate the cultural riches our community has to offer. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION AS READ. CARRIED.

October 18-24 – “YWCA Week Without Violence”

A proclamation by Mayor Tanner was read declaring the week of October 18-24, 1998, to be “YWCA Week Without Violence” in the City of Renton, and urging all residents to join in making violence prevention a personal commitment. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION AS READ. CARRIED.

**APPEAL**

**Planning & Development  
Committee**

Development Services: AK Media/NW Appeal re: “Tri-Vision” Billboards

Planning & Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report regarding the appeal of A.K. Media/Northwest. The Committee heard this appeal at its meeting of October 15, 1998. The Committee reviewed the appeal filed by the representative for A.K. Media/Northwest, and heard arguments from its attorney, Paul Taylor. Having carefully reviewed the Hearing Examiner’s decision in light of the briefing material supplied by Mr. Taylor and his arguments, and realizing that the Committee must find an error in fact or law, the Committee recommended that the full Council deny the appeal of A.K. Media/Northwest and affirm the decision of the Hearing Examiner. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City’s recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 1998 and beyond. Items noted included:

- ✧ The City’s website has earned a national award from the City-County Communications and Marketing Association. Renton’s website took second place in the nation for all cities in its size category.
- ✧ Alpo’s Canine Frisbee Disc Championships will be held at Cedar River Park

in 1999.

- \* As part of a two-year pilot project, the Parks Department will partner with other local arts agencies and the National Endowment for the Arts to bring contemporary dance performances to suburban venues.
- \* A volunteer provided by Boeing's Volunteer Program created an extensive database system for the City's domestic violence victim court advocate to track cases as required by the Department of Justice's Local Law Enforcement division.

Community Services Administrator Jim Shepherd announced that, as part of its grand opening celebration for its new Renton Highlands store, Bartell Drugs has donated \$1,500 to the City for rebuilding the Highlands Neighborhood Center.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Vacation: Oakesdale Ave SW (I-405 to Grady Way), IBID Corp., VAC-98-003

City Clerk submitted petition for vacation of a portion of Oakesdale Ave. SW from SR-405 to SW Grady Way; petition filed on 9/18/98 by IBID Corporation (VAC-98-003). Refer to Board of Public Works; set public hearing on November 16, 1998 to take testimony on the proposal. (See page 340 for resolution.)

Parks: Contract with Calvin Jordan Associates for Design of Parking Garage Access Ramp to City Hall

Community Services Department recommended approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to CAG-97-055, contract with Calvin Jordan Associates, to provide design services at a cost of \$191,757 for a parking garage access ramp at the new City Hall. Refer to Community Services Committee.

Development Services: Puget Sound Energy Franchise Renewal

Development Services Division recommended approval of a 15-year renewal of the franchise agreement with Puget Sound Energy. Refer to Utilities Committee.

Legal: Jail Services Agreement with Okanogan County Sheriff's Office

Legal Department recommended approval of an agreement with the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office for jail services. Refer to Public Safety Committee.

Legal: Contract with Occupational Health Services for Jail Inmate Health Services

Legal Department recommended purchasing health services for the City's jail inmates from Occupational Health Services at an annual cost of \$102,700. Refer to Public Safety Committee.

Municipal Court: Temporary Pro tem Judge Appointments

Municipal Court Division requested permission to allow a maximum of eight applicants for the Renton Municipal Court Judge position to serve as Pro tem judges for one calendar between November 2 and 20, 1998 as part of the evaluation and selection process. Refer to Community Services Committee.

Utility: Comprehensive Water System Plan Update

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of the latest update to the City's Comprehensive Water System Plan. Refer to Utilities Committee.

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Committee of the Whole

Transportation: Downtown Transit Center Final Design

Council President Edwards presented a report regarding the Downtown Renton Transit Center. The Committee of the Whole has reviewed the concept design of the Downtown Renton Transit Center, including the concept of continuous covered walkway with incorporated shelters in the cut-thru area. As part of constructing the continuous covered shelter, a cost-sharing agreement has been determined where Renton will not pay more than \$205,000. This concept will be further developed in the engineering design phase, and will be brought back to the Committee of the Whole for further and more detailed review as the design

details are developed. Having reviewed the concept, and the continuous shelter in the cut-thru, and having been briefed on the cost-sharing, the Committee of the Whole recommended that the City Council adopt the final concept for the Downtown Renton Transit Center. **MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

**Finance: City Hall Phase II Improvements, Equipment Expenditures**

Council President Edwards presented a report regarding phase two funding for City Hall improvements. The tenant improvements associated with the move to the new City Hall building are nearing completion. The construction contract for the new jail has been let, and the design phase of the ramp and public access project is underway. After reviewing the third quarter financial reports and the current status of all project elements, the Administration feels it is appropriate to consider including additional resources to complete the "Phase II Improvements" and to restore an appropriate contingency reserve for the jail construction.

After reviewing the budget worksheets for Funds 301 and 316, the Committee of the Whole recommended that:

1. Investment interest of \$325,000 on this construction project be allocated as follows: \$141,000 for completion of Phase I, and \$184,000 to increase the contingency reserve for the jail construction.
2. The unallocated \$469,000 fund balance be allocated as follows: \$159,000 for building and parking garage security improvements; \$175,000 for furniture and furnishings in the Council Chambers, Court Rooms, conference rooms, and in other areas of the building; \$20,000 for miscellaneous items that may be needed; \$40,000 for project management for the jail construction; and \$75,000 to increase the jail contingency (to total \$259,000). Further, it is recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading. **MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.** (See page 340 for ordinance.)

**Planning & Development Committee**

**Planning: Partial Lifting of Moratorium on Residential Development in Commercial Areas**

Planning & Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report regarding possible exemptions to the moratorium on multi-family development in various zoning designations. The Committee recommended lifting the moratorium on multi-family development in the Residential/Multi-Family Suburban Center and Residential/Multi-Family Neighborhood Center zoning designations. The moratorium will be continued in the Center Suburban, Center Neighborhood and Commercial Arterial zones. The Committee further recommended that a zoning text amendment deleting residential uses from the Commercial Arterial zone be referred to the Planning Commission for processing. **MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

**Finance Committee**

**Finance: Bonneville Power Administration Allocation of Federal Power Benefits**

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report regarding the Bonneville Power Administration's proposed reallocation of federal power benefits. The Committee reviewed a proposal by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) to allocate 6,300 megawatts of post-2001 firm power supplies in a subscription process: up to 5,500 megawatts to public agencies which are BPA-preferred customers, 1,000 megawatts of firm power and 1,000 megawatts of interruptible power to direct service industries.

The Committee recommended that Council adopt a resolution objecting to the

proposed allocation and insisting that BPA meet its statutory obligation to allocate all of the power resources not reserved for BPA-preference customers to residential and non-firm customers of the Northwest investor-owned utilities. The Committee further recommended that Council direct the Administration to convey the Council's position to BPA before its October 23<sup>rd</sup> public hearing on this issue. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 340 for resolution.)

Finance: Timekeeping  
Software, KRONOS

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending that the ~~Executive Committee~~ Administration purchase timekeeping software from KCDA and enter into a contract with KRONOS, Incorporated for Phase I of the timekeeping system. The cost of the software is \$44,479 and the cost of the contract with KRONOS, Inc. is \$47,057. Also included is the cost of a database server for \$30,000. The total cost of the contract is \$121,536. An advisory committee composed of representatives from each City department reviewed three proposals generated from an RFP issued in February, 1998. The committee selected KRONOS software to provide timekeeping information and labor distribution. The timekeeping project will be implemented in two phases. Phase I provides interpretation of pay rules and allows editing, scheduling and reporting on time worked for current pay periods. Phase II includes additional software and hardware for remote timekeeping entry, bar code time entry and web entry. In August, the Finance Department presented the Council with a request to proceed in contract negotiations with two vendors. KRONOS is the selected vendor for the timekeeping system. The Finance Department will also bring forward a contract for payroll and human resource software later this month. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT.\*

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL AMEND THE COMMITTEE REPORT TO REFLECT THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WILL PURCHASE THE SOFTWARE. CARRIED.

\*MOTION CARRIED TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE REPORT AS AMENDED.

HR&RM: Reclassifications (12  
Positions)

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the reclassifications within the Community Services Department, Planning/Building/Public Works Department, Fire Department, Human Resources Department, and Executive Department. If approved, the following positions will be reclassified from:

CIP Manager, grade MR-26 to grade 28 (1998 cost of \$1,476)

Office Assistant III, grade 5, to Data Base Systems Technician, grade 7 (\$852)

Principal HR Analyst, grade MU-23, to HR Manager, grade 30 (\$1,109)

City Clerk, grade MR-26, to City Clerk/Cable Manager, grade 30 (\$1,476)

Deputy City Clerk, grade EH-15 to grade MZ-17 (\$1,224)

Records Management Specialist, grade 7, to Records Management Coordinator, grade 11 (\$1,674)

Court Clerk, grade 7, to Judicial Specialist, grade 8 (\$4,416)

Lead Court Clerk, grade 10, to Lead Judicial Specialist, grade 11 (\$948)

Golf Course Operations Specialist, grade 7 to grade 8 (\$468).

The above changes are effective July 1, 1998. These reclassifications will have no change in 1998 department budgets.

The following positions will be reclassified effective January 1, 1998. These reclassifications will have no change in 1998 department budgets:

Vehicle & Equipment Supervisor, grade MR-26, to Fleet Manager, grade 30 (\$2,952)

Utility Locator/Inspector, grade 12 to grade 14 (\$2,076).

The following position will be reclassified effective November 1, 1998. This reclassification will have no change in the department's 1998 budget:

Court Services Director, grade MR-26 to grade 30.

The Committee further directs the Administration to meet with the Union and address various issues related to the Court and the City Clerk. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution #3357**

Vacation: Oakesdale Ave SW (I-405 to Grady Way), IBID Corp, VAC-98-003

A resolution was read setting a hearing date on November 16, 1998 for vacating a portion of Oakesdale Ave. SW, SR-405 to Grady Way (IBID Corporation, VAC-98-003). MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

### **Resolution #3358**

Council: Federal Power Benefits Allocation, Objection to BPA Proposal

A resolution was read objecting to the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) current allocation proposal for federal power benefits and requesting that BPA meet its statutory obligation and allocate all of the power resources not reserved for BPA-preference customers to the residential and small farm customers of Northwest investor-owned utilities. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of October 26, 1998 for second and final reading:

Finance: City Hall Phase II Improvements, Equipment Expenditures

An ordinance was read appropriating \$470,000 from the General Fund's (Fund 0000) excess balance to be transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 316) and increasing the expenditure authority in Fund 316 for the purpose of purchasing equipment. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 10/26/98. CARRIED.

Development Services:  
Subdivision Ordinance Changes

An ordinance was read amending Section 4-36-5 of Chapter 36, Renton Regulatory Reform Ordinance. of Title IV (Building Regulations) and Chapter 12, Subdivision Ordinance, of Title IX (Public Ways and Property) of City Code by amending definitions, creating a procedure for amendments to approved preliminary plats in the Subdivision Ordinance, revising the definition for pipestem lots, revising the submission period for final plats from three years to five years, revising final plat submittal requirements to allow for earlier submittals, and revising lot line adjustment recording requirements to delete legal descriptions. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 10/26/98. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading:

**Ordinance #4749**

Zoning: Automall Expansion  
(Areas A & B) & Changes to  
Allowed Uses

An ordinance was read amending Section 4-3-040 of Chapter 3, Environmental Regulations and Special Districts, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code by describing the location, uses, development standards, and potential waiver of street vacation fees for dealerships located within the Auto Mall Improvement District. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Finance: Property Tax Burden  
Issues (Residential  
Assessments v. Commercial)

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler commented on the shift in property tax burden from the commercial to the residential sector, noting that she recently received the second property tax increase on her home within one year's time. She requested that Council receive a presentation from the Finance Department on this subject.

Mayor Tanner agreed that Renton's overall assessed value has remained constant for some time, despite a hundred or more million dollars' worth of development that has occurred in the past several years. Residential property assessments are increasing by an average of three percent. He suggested that Renton join with other South King County cities to formally protest the assessment methodology which benefits commercial properties to the detriment of residential properties.

Mrs. Keolker-Wheeler noted that in evaluating individual parcels affected by the moratorium on multi-family development in commercial areas, staff discovered that several of these properties were absent from the tax rolls, and had been for quite some time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:10 p.m.

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MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Brenda Fritsvold  
October 19, 1998